One of the things I have set in place is the creation of the DoIT High Interest Topics (HIT) List, which is the "to-do" list for the Division of Information Technology. It represents the projects and issues that DoIT is tackling. While this list is rather long, it is not all inclusive of the day-to-day activities of DoIT. The DoIT HIT List is located online at www.pace.edu/doit and select CIO Corner/Important IT Documents/DoIT HIT List.

Today, I wanted to share this list with you, so you can see the direction in which DoIT is moving and how we are working to make I.T. better for the Pace community.

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1. **Implement Disaster Recovery Plan**
   Move backup Mainframe computer and mission critical backup servers to the I.T. Communications room on the second floor of Pace Plaza. Add T1 communications line to NYC campus for Internet redundancy.

2. **Equip dorms in NYC with I.T. resources: 106 Fulton Street/135 Williams Street**
   Add communications lines and equipment for computer, telephone and cable access from dorm rooms to the Pace network and Internet.

3. **Build and Maintain President’s Emergency Communication Centers**
   Equipped Emergency Communication Centers with networked computers, telephones, cell phones, cable TV, batteries, flashlights and other emergency gear. Locations are in: Pace Plaza and 41 Park Row, NY; Gerber Glass Library, WP; Goldstein, PL; and West Hall, BR. Locations are maintained and tested on a regular basis.

4. **Begin Fielding the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS)**
   Data being entered into test system.

5. **ERP effort to provide new, integrated student information, financial and human resources systems**
   Select a Business Advisor to review current Pace business processes and investigate an ERP vendor solution.

6. **Begin implementing a new high-speed (Gig-E) network and new phone system**
   Implement new data, voice and video systems in three phases: GigE high-speed network, new phone system, video network.

7. **Implement enhanced back-up solutions for University servers**
   Installed new fiber-enhanced backup subsystem and software.

8. **Provide connectivity between 41 Park Row and the Pace network**
   New, more reliable connectivity between 41 Park Row and the Pace network requires installation of a new conduit and Gig-E service to 41 Park Row.

9. **Implement Internet 2**
   Hardware, software, circuits, and contracts in place and ready for the high-speed research network, Internet 2.

10. **Working with the VP of University Relations to expand Pace’s website and use of portals**
    Modifying and expanding new Pace website. Pace’s Blackboard software product enables users to set up portals with customized and personalized computer screens accessible from any computer station.

11. **Field “White Pages” Directory**
    Testing White Pages Version 1.0. New options will permit easier and quicker directory access to division, department and an individual’s information.
12. **Expand wireless installations to public areas and classrooms on all campuses**
   Wireless connectivity is available in University libraries, cafes and some classrooms. More access points are being planned. Wireless signs are posted to alert where wireless network access is available in the area.

13. **Support Sloan Grant for additional 80 Distance Education courses**
   Provide Blackboard system to support the increasing number of online Distance Education courses as well as traditional courses using electronic media.

14. **Build additional offices/classrooms in NYC—161/163 Williams Street**
   Provide connectivity (data and voice) to new offices and classrooms being built in 161/163 Williams Street, NY. Provide T1 line for access to the Pace network.

15. **Develop and distribute Data Warehouse dictionary and query tools to functional users**
   Communicate and educate functional users on the data warehouse dictionary and query tools for directly accessing data and incorporating data into reports.

16. **Finalize the Hudson Valley Center’s Video Conferencing**
   Video conferencing equipment and circuits are on order for the Hudson Valley Center.

17. **Find alternative imaging solution to the Jemnet system currently in place**
   Evaluating imaging vendors to replace bankrupt JemTech’s imaging system.

18. **Investigate and acquire Voice XML – voice recognition tied to database queries**
   Received a hardware and software grant from Ascent Communications to voice-enable the Pace University White Pages directory application. Currently the voice system is being tested.

19. **Provide connectivity for the Health and Fitness Center, Pleasantville**
   Installing wireless data, voice and video connectivity to Health and Fitness Center.

20. **Merge Law I.T. Operations with DoIT as appropriate**
   Moving mission-critical Law School servers to I.T. Server Farm in West Hall, BR.

21. **Produce DoIT Promotional Video**
   DoIT departments are scripting/recording a short video of their operations and services to the Pace community.

22. **Conduct routine CIO On-Line Chat Sessions**
   CIO conducted three chat sessions exchanging views with Division staff, IMOs and students. More to come!

23. **Expand the CRC facilities in NYC**
   Targeting Summer, 2002 to expand the NY Computer Resource Center (CRC) into contiguous space previously occupied by the University’s mainframe operation.

24. **Encourage greater IMO participation with DoIT to advance technology initiatives at Pace**
   Hold Brown Bag lunch meetings for IMOs to meet in small groups and exchange information on technology. Instituted an IMO Certification program with information available on the web.

25. **Implement a Web and Windows share-accessible virtual-drive system for students**
   System to enable users to store and share files on a virtual drive accessible on the web. This will allow users to access files from any PC on the Internet.

26. **Subscribe to Microsoft Campus Agreement**
   Microsoft Campus Agreement to provide licenses for MS Office and FrontPage on University-owned computer.

27. **Receive and distribute new PCs in a more timely and efficient manner**
   Set up a perpetual inventory to turn around orders for standard Dell PCs to departments in a couple of day.